(c) whether Government would rethink in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Lack of material for cable joints in Mainpuri

†1936. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a lack of material required for cable joints in Mainpuri;

(b) if so, the value of material in terms of rupees purchased last year; and

(c) the reasons for not covering the cable permanently in Anjani?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Not applicable in view of (a) above.

(c) Cable enroute to village Anjani is not open at any point and the cable joints have been permanenlty closed.

Post Offices in Port Blair

†1937. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices opened, so far, in rural and remote areas of Port Blair; and

(b) the number of post offices proposed to be opened in the Union Territory under the future schemes?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.